

# Canon DSLR Menu Tutorial

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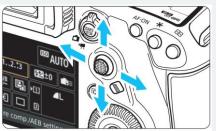
Best menus in the market. Similar across models. Varies for camera specific features.

1) Quick Menu - Use Quick Control button to set shooting functions with the LCD

Press the [Q] button

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Use touch screen or joystick and dial to change

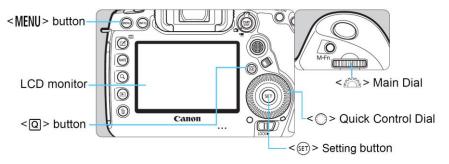


Varies with mode



Tip - Leverage dedicated buttons to avoid using menus - ISO, Drive, WB, AF, Metering ...

2 Setting Menus - Navigating the menus and altering the settings



- 1. Press the [Menu] button
- Select a tab with the [Q] button left & right, or Main dial
- 3. Select an item with [Q] button up & down, or Quick Control dial
- 4. Press [Set] button to set it
- 5. Exit setting by pressing [Menu]

Tip - Certain menu tabs and menu items are not displayed in [A] Auto, Sports, Portrait ... modes

#### 3 Shooting Menus

- 1. Clear all camera settings factory config
- 2. Photo quality increase dynamic range using large RAW
- 3. Color Space increase color range using Adobe RGB
- 4. HDR mode for in-camera high dynamic range photos, use a steady camera
- 5. Beep disable the beeper
- 6. Speedlite control powerful
  - a) Flash sync. speed in AV mode
  - b) Controlling external flashes
- 7. Extend battery life using a shorter photo review time

Tip - Use Quick Menu as a faster menu alternative - exposure, ISO, drive mode, AEB ...

# 4 Saving Menu Settings

- Menu changes are saved automatically, options vary based on mode Auto, P, TV, Av ...
- Used to define the camera's configuration when it is powered on

Tip - Leverage Custom Shooting Modes C1, C2 & C3 to save multiple custom camera configurations

#### 5 Auto Focus

- 1. Number of autofocus points 1, some, all
- 2. Canon autofocus is highly configurable, varies by lens, details in your manual
- 3. One-Shot stationary subject
- 4. AI Servo moving subject

- AI Focus auto switch to AI Servo when subject starts moving
- 6. AI Servo has many optimized submodes by sport - tennis, bicycle, soccer, figure skaters, gymnastics ...
- 7. Eye tracking. Amazing on R5!

Tip - Use AF point selection button [+] (back, top on far right) to quickly choose focus point

## 6 Playback

- 1. Protect, Erase, Copy photos
- 2. RAW process create JPGs from RAW photos in-camera, handy for sharing
- Use Rotate, Crop, Rating to edit in-camera
- Slide show power and flexibility, for example, show only 5 star photos from last Tuesday
- Control over HDMI allows leveraging the TV remote to control your slide show
- Options to show highlight alerts, autofocus points and histogram in brightness or RGB
- 7. While showing photos toggle the [Info] button to display more and more information

Tip - Turn on AF Point Disp to show exactly what was in focus when photo taken

## 7 Setup

- Format card a quick way to erase all photos use low-level format as a simple integrity check over most of the card
- Extend battery life using a shorter auto power off time
- Date & time use EOS software to set based on PC time, when traveling update to destination time zone before leaving
- 4. GPS can automatically set date & time
- 5. Viewfinder level, battery, mode, drive ... add the info that helps you avoid errors
- 6. Copyright automatically add metadata
- 7. Firmware firmware updates to keep the camera in top shape
- 8. Battery info recharge performance info will let you know when to replace it

Tip - After configurating your menus, take photos of menus to remember your settings

#### 8 Custom Shooting Modes

Custom shooting mode (C1-C3)

Register settings

Clear settings

Auto update set. Disable

Save 3 versions of your favorite settings, for example

- Favorite portrait settings
- Favorite moving subject settings
- Favorite low-light settings

Enable Auto update to let the camera remember your latest tweaks

Tip - Define your settings before you arrive at a photo event, then fine tune

## 9 More Information

- Use your camera manual. This handout only covers 20% of what is possible.
- Search the internet to find articles and videos on your camera.
- Challenge every month use a new button, quick setting or menu item.